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Stat	us					
•	1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on	_ •				
2	a) This action is FINAL . 2b) This	action is non-final.				
;	☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
	closed in accordance with the practice under E	x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 45	53 O.G. 213.			
Disp	position of Claims					
4	4) \boxtimes Claim(s) <u>7-13</u> is/are pending in the application.					
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw	vn from consideration.				
	5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.					
(S) Claim(s) is/are rejected.					
	7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.					
}	B)⊠ Claim(s) <u>7-13</u> are subject to restriction and/or e	election requirement.				
Арр	lication Papers					
,	9) \square The specification is objected to by the Examine	r.				
1	10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.					
	Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).					
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1	1)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex	aminer. Note the attached Office	Action or form PTO-1	152.		
Prio	rity under 35 U.S.C. § 119					
1:	2) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign	priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a))-(d) or (f).			
	a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:					
	1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.					
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claim 7, drawn to a reflecting LCD having 25 percent or more vertical alignment component with regard to total diamine components, classified in class 428, subclass 1.
- II. Claim 8, drawn to a reflecting LCD having reflective depressions and projections and a polarizer aligned to maximize reflection, classified in class 349, subclass 113.
- III. Claims 9-13, drawn to a reflecting LCD having a compensation film, classified in class 349, subclass 117.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such as electrically controlled mirror. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Inventions I and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such as electrically controlled mirror. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Inventions II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention II has separate utility such as writing tablet. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James A. Dudek whose telephone number is 571-272-2290. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert H. Kim can be reached on 571-272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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